GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:149
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2005
INCREASE IN PRICES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently there has been a steep rise in prices of essential commodities particularly sugar, foodgrains, edible oil and kerosene;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by Price Monitory Cell in this regard;

(c) the details of the production, stocks and price of sugar and edible oil during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide essential commodities particularly sugar, edible oil and foodgrains to the Above Poverty Line(APL) families through Public Distribution System;

(e) if so, whether the Government proposes to import raw sugar and edible oil and discontinue export promotion schemes to bridge the shortfall in production;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps proposed to be taken to check price rise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) & (g) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.3.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): The prices of selected essential commodities at selected centers are at Annexure-I. There has been no change in the retail price of kerosene in PDS since 1.3.2002. It may be seen therefrom that there has been no steep increase, recently.

(c): The details of production, stocks and price of sugar and edible oils during the last three years are as under:

SUGAR

Sl.No.	Sugar Season (Oct - Sep)	Production (lakh M.Ts)	Closing Stock (lakh M.Ts)	Average wholesale price (Rs. Per quintal)
1.	2001-2002	184.98	113.19	1285-1630
2.	2002-2003	201.32	116.16	1130-1575
3.	2003-2004 (P)	139.58	85.00	1271-1800

EDIBLE OILS

(i) Production and Availability:

Sl.No.	Oil Year (Nov. - Oct)	Production of oilseeds (lakh M.Ts)	Total availability/ consumption of edible oil (from domestic and import sources) - in LMT
1.	2001-2002	206.63	104.68
2.	2002-2003	150.58	90.93
3.	2003-2004 (P)	251.43	124.04

(ii) Average monthly wholesale prices of major edible oils:

(Prices/Rs. Per quintal)

Type of oil	February 2003	February 2004	February 2005
Mustard Oil	4100	5212	4100
Groundnut Oil	5512	5069	4570
Soyabean Oil	4102	4545	3590
Seasame Oil	4800	5750	4100
Sunflower Oil	4580	5200	4580
Vanaspati (per 15 litres)	670	776	650

The details of production and stocks, State-wise, for sugar is enclosed as Annexure-II. For edible Oils, the State-wise production figures is enclosed as Annexure-III. No data of State-wise stocks, however, is maintained for edible oil.

(d): While foodgrains are provided to the Above Poverty Line (APL) families under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS), sugar is provided to APL families only in Special Category States, Hilly States and Other Island Territories. Kerosene is only provided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. There is no proposal to change the existing arrangement.

(e) & (f) Do not arise.

(g): The High Powered Price Monitoring Board (HPPMB) closely and constantly monitors the price situation of essential commodities in the country and takes necessary fiscal/non-fiscal measures as warranted.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.149 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs
(Price Monitoring Cell)

Daily Month End Prices Of Selected Essential Commodities At Selected Centres

Rice

Centre	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05
DELHI	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00
MUMBAI	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
KOLKATA	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
CHENNAI	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00

Wheat

DELHI 9.00 9.00 9.00 8.50
MUMBAI 10.50 12.00 11.00 11.00
KOLKATA NR NR NT NT
CHENNAI 12.00 11.00 11.00 11.00

Gram
DELHI 23.00 23.00 23.00 24.00
MUMBAI 23.00 23.00 23.00 23.00
KOLKATA 24.00 24.00 24.00 24.00
CHENNAI 24.00 23.00 23.00 23.00

Tur
DELHI 33.00 31.00 30.00 32.00
MUMBAI 29.00 27.00 28.00 28.00
KOLKATA 30.00 30.00 30.00 30.00
CHENNAI 35.00 34.00 32.00 32.00

Sugar
DELHI 19.00 19.00 20.00 20.00
MUMBAI 18.50 19.50 19.50 19.50
KOLKATA 18.00 20.00 20.00 21.00
CHENNAI 17.50 18.50 18.00 18.00

Groundnut Oil
DELHI 84.00 84.00 84.00 83.00
MUMBAI 55.00 52.00 50.00 50.00
KOLKATA 70.00 72.00 72.00 72.00
CHENNAI 52.00 51.00 50.00 51.00

Mustard Oil
DELHI 55.00 54.00 53.00 53.00
MUMBAI 60.00 60.00 60.00 60.00
KOLKATA 56.00 54.00 52.00 52.00
CHENNAI NR NR NT NT

Vanaspati
DELHI 53.00 51.00 51.00 51.00
MUMBAI 52.00 52.00 50.00 50.00
KOLKATA 48.00 43.00 43.00 44.00
CHENNAI 51.00 50.00 48.00 49.00

Source : State Civil Supply Department,
NR : Not Reported,
: Price as on 10.3.05

ANNEXURE - II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14-3-2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEWISE PRODUCTION OF SUGAR, STOCKS DURING THE LAST THREE SUGAR SEASONS

(in lakh M.Ts)

Sl. State 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004
No. Production Stocks (P) Production Stocks (P) Production Stocks (P)

1. Punjab 5.93 5.28 5.11 3.77 3.88 2.47

2. Haryana 6.24 4.18 5.99 4.42 5.86 3.81

3. Rajasthan 0.05 0.07 0.00 0.05 0.10 0.10

4. Uttaranchal 4.44 2.42 4.59 3.22 3.93 2.55

5. U.P. 52.59 25.65 58.74 20.99 46.08 26.51
6. M.P. 0.71 0.51 0.85 0.50 0.94 0.27

7 Chhatisgarh 0.00 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.17 0.01

8. Gujarat 10.56 7.55 12.38 8.78 10.76 6.94

9. Maharashtra 55.88 42.94 61.64 43.74 31.99 24.36
10. Bihar 3.39 1.81 4.21 1.66 2.77 1.22
11. Andhra Pr. 10.48 7.38 11.88 8.15 8.81 3.36
12. Karnataka 15.50 8.48 17.98 8.92 11.57 4.75
13. Tamil Nadu 18.39 6.56 17.04 11.32 11.90 6.53
14. Orissa 0.25 0.06 0.37 0.21 0.44 0.10
15. West Bengal 0.05 0.01 0.03 0.02 0.07 0.02
16. Pondicherry 0.39 0.16 0.32 0.30 0.20 0.22
17. Kerala 0.05 0.02 0.05 0.02 0.01 0.01
18. Goa 0.08 0.10 0.13 0.09 0.10 0.10
19. Assam 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

Total 184.98 113.19 201.32 116.16 139.59 85.0

(P) - Provisional.

ANNEXURE-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 149 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14-3-2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statewise Production Estimates of Edible Oils (In Lakh Tonne)

State/UT 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004#

A. PRIMARY SOURCE Oilseed Oil Oilseed Oil Oilseed Oil

Andhra Pradesh 16.14 4.09 12.56 3.31 16.87 4.48
Assam 1.56 0.48 1.49 0.46 1.47 0.44
Bihar 1.20 0.37 1.09 0.34 1.27 0.39
Chhatisgarh 1.13 0.30 1.01 0.27 0.85 0.23
Gujarat 36.36 9.56 16.83 4.58 55.86 14.24
Haryana 8.07 2.50 7.09 2.20 9.97 3.10
Himachal Pradesh 0.10 0.03 0.06 0.02 0.11 0.03
Jammu & Kashmir 0.42 0.13 0.98 0.30 0.41 0.13
Jharkhand 0.28 0.08 0.22 0.07 0.38 0.11
Karnataka 10.20 2.69 11.12 3.02 10.39 2.86
Kerala 0.02 0.01 0.01 0.00 0.05 0.01
Madhya Pradesh 45.68 8.35 29.96 5.32 55.86 10.04
Maharashstra 22.26 4.44 23.27 4.52 29.53 5.48
Orissa 1.38 0.38 1.14 0.32 2.49 0.70
Punjab 0.83 0.25 0.92 0.29 1.07 0.33
Rajasthan 31.29 8.45 17.54 4.97 39.49 11.02
Tamil Nadu 13.13 3.08 10.23 2.40 11.82 2.78
Uttar Pradesh 10.34 3.12 8.73 2.66 6.47 1.95
Uttaranchal 0.18 0.04 0.23 0.05 0.31 0.06
West Bengal 4.95 1.49 4.76 1.44 5.98 1.81

Others	1.14	0.30	1.33	0.34	0.77	0.19
Sub Total	206.64	50.16	150.59	36.88	251.42	60.39
B. SECONDARY SOURCE						
Coconut	5.50		5.50		5.50	
Cottonseed	4.70		4.30		4.30	
Ricebran	5.50		6.00		6.00	
Solvent Extracted Oils	2.80		2.00		3.30	
Tree & Forest Origin	0.80		0.80		0.80	
Sub Total	19.30		18.60		19.90	
Total (A & B)	69.46		55.48		80.29	
C. LESS : EXPORT & INDUSTRIAL USE	8.00		8.20		9.20	
D. NET DOMESTIC AVAILABILITY OF EDIBLE OILS	61.46		47.28		71.09	
E. SHORTFALL (IMPORT)	43.22		43.65		52.95	
F. ACTUAL CONSUMPTION	104.68		90.93		124.04	

: 4th Advance Estimates
Note : Oilseeds: Ministry of Agriculture
Oils : Based on the oilseeds produced in the respective State